



That's right - if you access a secure area of a port or vessel as part of your job, chances are you will need a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), a biometric card that ensures only vetted workers can enter without an escort.



Enforcement at Your Port Begins April 14, 2009 Enroll for Your TWIC™ Today

You Will Need Your TWIC by This Date for Unescorted Access to Secure Areas of This Port

- **What is a TWIC and why do I need it?**

The TWIC is a biometric card that ensures only vetted workers are eligible to enter secure areas of a facility or vessel regulated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA). You need it for your job and it's the law.

- **When do I need my TWIC?**

The Coast Guard declared that, beginning **April 14, 2009**, it will be mandatory to have a TWIC to access secure areas at ports located within the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Zones of **Houston-Galveston, Port Arthur***, Los Angeles-Long Beach, Guam and San Juan.

- **How can I enroll for my TWIC?**

You can pre-enroll, find an enrollment center, and schedule an appointment online via www.tsa.gov/twic or by calling 1-866-DHS-TWIC. Otherwise, just walk in to the closest enrollment center to complete the initial application. You'll be notified when your card is ready – and you'll need to return to activate it.

- **How much does a TWIC cost?**

A TWIC costs \$132.50 and is good for five years. A reduced fee of \$105.25 is available to holders of the following:

- Valid Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) issued after May 31, 2005
- Valid Free and Secure Trade (FAST) Card
- Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) issued after Feb. 3, 2003
- Merchant Marine License (MML) issued after Jan. 13, 2006

If an individual obtains a reduced-fee TWIC, the expiration date will be based on the expiration date of the HME, FAST, MMD, or MML.

Applicants must present one of these documents at the time of enrollment to qualify for the reduced fee.

Remember: Individuals who fail to obtain a TWIC by the compliance date will be ineligible for unescorted access to facilities.

* Port Arthur originally had an earlier compliance deadline but this has been extended, as indicated above.



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